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Fire Safety in Hospitals
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of recent fire incidents in Government Hospitals across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the casualties caused and the action taken/ proposed to be taken to check such incidents in future, State/UT-wise;

(c) The number of hospitals in the country that fulfill fire safety measures as per National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Health Care Providers (NABH)

(d) Whether the Government proposes to conduct safety audit of Central Hospitals, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Whether the Government is considering to make changes in existing laws to cancel the licenses of those hospitals who do not fulfill fire safety measure, if so, details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): Public Health and hospitals' is a State subject and it is the primary responsibility of State/UT Governments to ensure adherence of healthcare facilities to safety norms including fire safety. The Central Government is not aware of any fire incident in a government hospital in recent past. However, it has taken note of recent fire incident at SUM Hospital, Bhubaneswar. A copy of factual report received from State Government of Odisha is at Annexure
The Ministry has issued advisory to all States/UTs on 21st October, 2016 and also circulated provisions on fire safety in the Unified Building Bye laws 2016, Delhi and National Building Code for guidance/reference.

(c): No such data is maintained in the Ministry However, as per information available on the NABH Website, 422 Hospitals are presently accredited with NABH.

(d) & (e): The Ministry has instructed all Central Government hospitals/Institutes to obtain NoC from fire department in a time bound manner where not available. A Committee has been constituted in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to prepare guidelines on fire safety and its implementation in hospital buildings. The Committee has advised Safdarjung Hospital, Dr RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and associated hospitals to consult Central Building Research Institute , Roorkee regarding fire safety audit.